# **Camp Geronimo Rainbow Trails**

With over 5,000 acres of surrounding national forest, the possibilities of getting out and seeing the wilderness are almost limitless. Camp Geronimo offers some of the greatest trails in the state to hike.

To recognize Scouts and leaders who take on the challenge of the Rim Country, a Rainbow Trails program has been established.

A beautiful, embroidered, multicolored four-inch patch is available for purchase to be worn on a patch jacket, vest or your backpack.

As you hike each trail, you may add a segment with that trail's color and name around the patch, until you have collected all of them — an achievement to be proud of.



Please NOTE that these trails are only available only during then summer camp season. If you have any questions concerning hiking the Camp Geronimo Trails other than during the summer camp season, contact the Grand Canyon Council Program Director at (602) 955-7747 at the council service center.

The following information on the trails at camp provides some hints, mileage, elevation, and of course the awards that are available. So look over the trails and include some in for the troop's summer program. Trail food is available for your use.

Always plan your hike with at least two adults in attendance. All out-of-camp hikes other than scheduled night hikes require a hike permit on file at Camp Headquarters.

You must Sign Out/Sign In for all hikes at Headquarters or at the Health Lodge after hours. Permits are not needed for in-camp hikes.

> Follow all safe hiking rules set forth in the Hiking Merit Badge Pamphlet: stay on existing trails, use the buddy system, and always take plenty of water, regardless of the length of the hike.

Remember, being surrounded by National Forest, Camp Geronimo offers unlimited hiking opportunities for Scout campers.

# In Camp Trails

### Totem to Totem Trail

The Totem to Totem Trail which begins and ends at the totems at the front gate is an excellent Saturday or Sunday hike to orient your Scouts to camp.

A map and compass are needed to stay on the trail.

Have your troop and patrol yells ready and let us know who you are!

This hike should take a little over two hours of your time and will cover 3 to 4 miles.

### **Fireside Trail**

The in camp Fireside Trail begins along the west road south of the Webber Creek Lodge and heads upward past ceremonial grounds and along the fence line.





About  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the way through the trail you will see the magnificence of the Mogollon Rim. Also visible will be the scars of the Dude Fire of 1990 and the Bray Creek Fire of 2005.

This hike should take about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours of your time and will cover 1 to 2 miles. So, enjoy the views.

### **Border Trail**

This trail begins off of the Fireside Trail, and will lead past Campsite 1 and end at Campsite 29.



Enjoy walking the west border of Camp Geronimo.

# **Out of Camp Trails**

#### **Highline Trail**

This famous trail begins at the base of Mogollon Rim just south of Pine and winds its way eastward along the rim through Washington Park on to Tonto Creek (just below the State Fish Hatchery) and continues on from Tonto Creek to Highway 260 east of Christopher Creek through heavily forested areas at an average elevation of 5,700 feet for a distance of approximately 50 miles. Between Tonto Creek and Highway 260 there is the ability to go to the Theodore Roosevelt R-C Scout Ranch (about 38 mile from Camp Geronimo).



The Camp Geronimo Rainbow Trails Segment can be earned by hiking to Bear Springs or Bray Springs.

- The hike to Bear Springs is 1.6 miles one way.
- The hike to Bray Creek is 2.7 miles one way; that is 1.1 mile beyond Bear Springs.

From the parking lot proceed south through the totems on the road to camp about 0.15 miles to the Highline Trailhead. It will be on the on the left side of the road.

Follow the white markers to Bear Springs (1.6 miles) and at that point make your choice:

#### Choice 1:

Continue on the Highline Trail to Bray Creek (an additional 1.1 miles) Return the same way.

Choice 2:

Take the Rim View Trail to the Lower Miller Trail (1.5 miles).

At the junction of the Lower Miller Trail and either:

- Return to camp behind the east showers via the Lower Miller Trail (about 0.8 miles).
- Continue on the Rim View Trail (an additional 0.8 miles) to the East Webber Trail and return to camp on the north side.

### Rim View Trail - CLOSED

The Rim View Trail (2.3 miles) connects the Highline Trail with the East Webber Trail, making it possible to cover both in one day.

About 1.5 miles from Highline Trail (or 0.8 miles from the East Webber Trail) this trail intersects the Lower Miller Trail.

There is a steep descent from the Rim View Trail to East Webber at the end when coming from the Highline Trail (or steep ascent from the East Webber to Rim View Trail at the start when going to the Highline Trail).

### East Webber Trail

The 2 mile East Webber Trail leaves camp on the north side and winds along Webber Creek, up a beautiful canyon. The East Webber Trail junction with the Rim View Trail is about 1 mile up the trail.

Explore further up the canyon and return by backtracking;

### Lower Miller Trail to Rim View

The Lower Miller Trail leaves camp behind the east showers along the fence line and meets the Rim View Trail about 0.8 miles up.



**Orange Markers** 

Max Elevation 6495 ft



### **Turkey Springs Trail**

The Turkey Springs Trail leaves camp along the path west of the handicraft lodge and continues past the springs on West Camp Road climbing towards Balanced Rock (1.6 miles, 6840 Elevation).

The intersection with the northern end of the Milk Ranch Point Trail (Forest Road 218) lies 0.7 miles further including a steep climb up to the rim.

### **Milk Ranch Point Trail**

The Milk Ranch Point Trail (1.4 Miles) is the walk along the top of the rim with some great picturesque views on Forest Road 218 between the trailheads of the West Webber Trail and the Turkey Springs Trail.

#### West Webber Trail

The West Webber Trail is a longer but more scenic (and easier) trip to the top of the rim to the southern end of the Milk Ranch Point Trail.

Leave beyond Campsite 12 on West Camp Road along the path west of the craft lodge.

Follow the Turkey Springs Trail 0.6 miles to the signpost for West Webber Trail, near the spring.

Proceed on the West Webber 1.9 miles to the southern end of the Milk Ranch Point Trail.

#### Milk Ranch Point West Trail

The Milk Ranch Point West Trail runs parallel to West Webber Trail and allows an alternate route or nice round trip hike for those Scouts who are not quite ready to make it up to the rim.

Leave beyond Campsite 12 on West Camp Road along the path west of the craft lodge.

Follow the Turkey Springs Trail 0.3 miles to the signpost for the Milk Ranch Point West Trail.

Proceed up Milk Ranch Point West 1.3 miles to the intersection with West Webber.

Turn right and return to camp via West Webber Trail.

### **Old Spade Ranch Trail**

The Old Spade Ranch Trail leaves camp at the southwest end of the parking lot crossing the creek and heading west.

Turn left, this trail runs all the way to the Control Road (3.2 miles).

Return via Control Road is okay on weekdays when accompanied by an adult (4 miles back to the totems). By the way, there is No Water.

### **Geronimo Trail**

The Geronimo Trail begins about 0.3 miles down the Old Spade Ranch Trail.

Follow the trail until it intersects with Turkey Springs (1.6 miles).

Turn left and hike up Turkey Springs 0.25 miles until you see the sign for the continuation of the Geronimo Trail on the right.

Follow the trail an additional 1.1 miles until it intersects the East Webber just north of the camp.

Return to the north side of the camp via the East Webber Trail.











### The Rainbow Trails

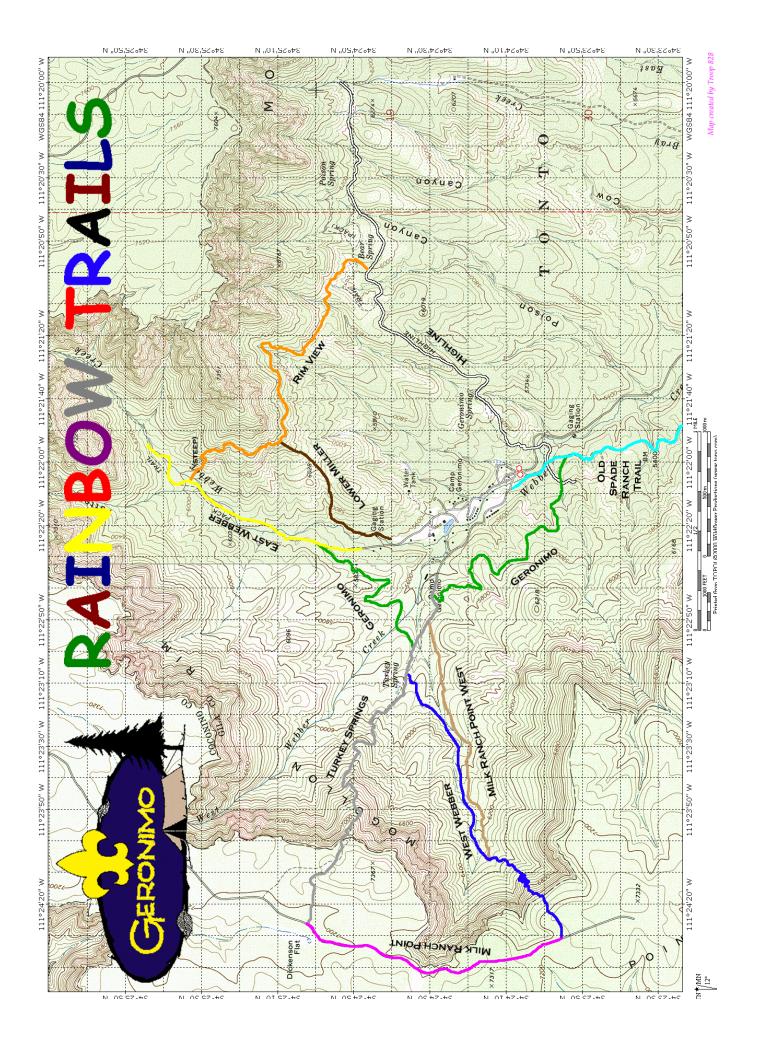
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Lower Miller Trail To Rim View	0.8
West Webber Trail	1.9
East Webber Trail	2.0
Milk Ranch Point Trail	1.4
Milk Ranch Point West Trail	1.3
Turkey Spring Trail	2.3
Highline Trail	2.9
Old Spade Ranch Road	4.0
Rim View Trail - CLOSED	2.3



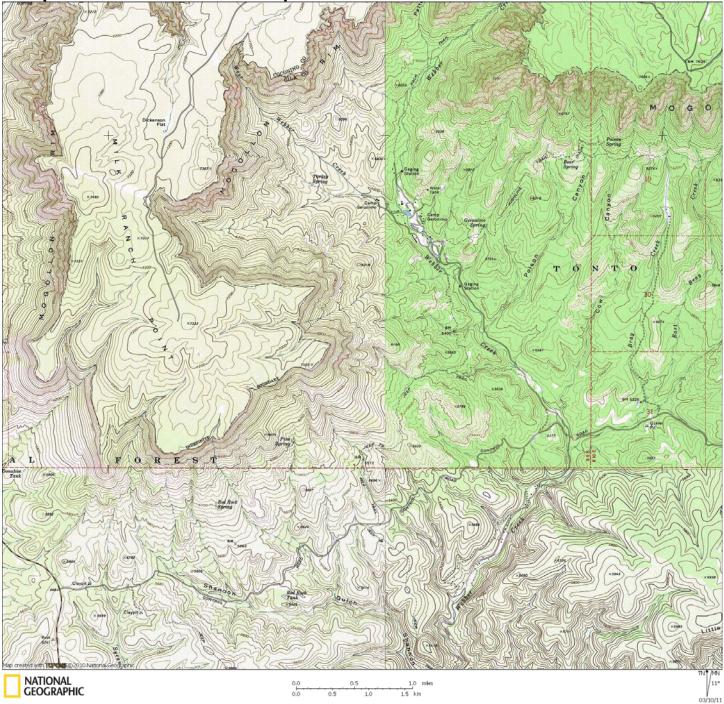
# Possible Day Hikes or Overnight Backpacking Trips

### Rainbow Trails Loop 1 (3.3 mile trip)

Geronimo Trail to Turkey Springs Trail	1.6 miles	
Geronimo (Turkey Springs) Trail to Continuation Junction	0.3 miles	
Geronimo Trail Continuation to East Webber Trail	1.1 miles	
East Weber Trail to camp	0.3 miles	
Rainbow Trails Loop 2 (4.1 mile trip) - closed due to the Rim View trail being unpassable		
Highline Trail to Bear Springs		
Rim View Trail Bear Springs to Lower Miller Trail		
Lower Miller Trail to Camp East Side Showers		
Rainbow Trails Loop 3 (4.9 mile trip)		
Turkey Springs Trail to Milk Ranch Point West Trail Junction	0.3 miles	
Milk Ranch Point West Trail to West Webber Trail Junction		
West Webber Trail to Milk Ranch Point Trail Junction	0.6 miles	
Milk Ranch Point Trail to Turkey Springs Trail	1.4 miles	
Turkey Springs Trail to Camp		
Rainbow Trails Loop 4 (6.1 mile trip) closed due to the Rim View trail being unpa	assable	
Highline Trail to Bear Springs	1.8 miles	
Rim View Trail to East Webber Trail	2.3 miles	
East Webber Trail to camp	1.0 miles	
Rainbow Trails Loop 5 (6.2 mile trip)		
Turkey Springs Trail to West Webber Trail Junction	0.6 miles	
Turkey Springs Trail from West Webber Trail Junction to Balanced Rock	1.0 miles	
Balanced Rock to Northern End of Milk Ranch Point Trail		
Milk Ranch Point Trail	1.4 miles	
West Webber Trail to Turkey Springs Trail Junction	1.9 miles	
Turkey Springs Trail to camp		



### Camp Geronimo Area TOPO Map



#### **TOPO Maps**

The USGS Store (downloads)-------<u>http://www.google.com/webhp?rls=ig</u> TopoQuest Map Finder!------<u>http://www.topoquest.com/find.php</u> A variety of search tools for you to find the topographic map you're looking for.

7.5" Quadrangle Maps - Scale 1:24000

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# **Special Trails**

(With Restricted Availability)

#### Levi Young's Nature Trail

The Levi Young Nature trail is available as part of the Nature Lodge program. Scouts can learn about the trees and plants of Camp Geronimo. A map with a self guided tour can be obtained at Headquarters.

This trail should take between 45 min. to 1 hour

The Levi Young Nature Trail can be scheduled Sunday through Thursday between 1:30pm and 4:00pm at the Nature Lodge where a self guided package is available. Please limit groups to 20 people.

The trail should take between 45 minutes to 1 hour.

#### Solo Hike

This is an outstanding experience available only to Scouts nominated by their Scoutmaster after three or more years at Camp Geronimo for at least three prior summers and who stand out among all campers.



- Selected Scouts will hike solo to a secret place and spend a night alone before returning to camp.
- Scoutmasters may make recommendations to the Camp Director concerning boys who may qualify.

Recommendations must be turned in by Monday before 5 pm to Headquarters so that inverview and selections can be made as early as possible. Each Scout must convince the camp director that he is prepared to challenge the secret route and spend the night alone in the wilderness.

### To be selected is an honor, to succeed is a thrill!

Solo Hike applications are available at Camp Headquarters. Only seasoned Scouts need apply.





# **Night Eye Trails**

These evening compass courses are introductory hikes, designed to provide experience and adventure on the trail for boys who are new to Scouting and Camp Geronimo. A compass, a good flashlight and determination make these night hikes fun for young and old alike.

Your Scouts will enjoy thinking that any one of the fluorescent eyes might be the real thing (AND IT MIGHT!). Start with the Cat Eye for the new Scouts and let them work their way up through these hikes of varying difficulty to give your Scouts a challenge.

Tiger Eye: Beginner course (easiest) Cat Eye A/B: Beginner courses Eagle Eye Trail: Beginner course; recommended as a daytime course due to rough terrain Fool's Eye: Intermediate Course Owl Eye: Advanced Course

# Eye Trail Sign Ups

To keep the eye trails from becoming overcrowded during the evening hours, you must sign up for a starting time at Headquarters. Starting time slots can be reserved for each evening starting at 7:30 pm. They run every 15 minutes until 9:00 pm. It is recommended that if you have a group larger than 10 scouts, that you sign up for more than one time slot.



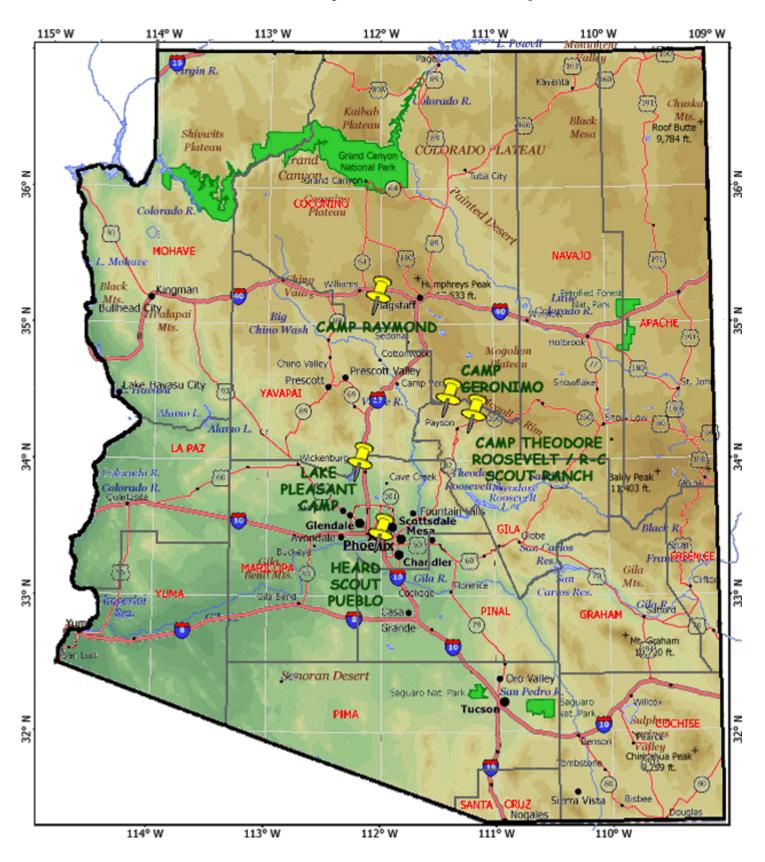


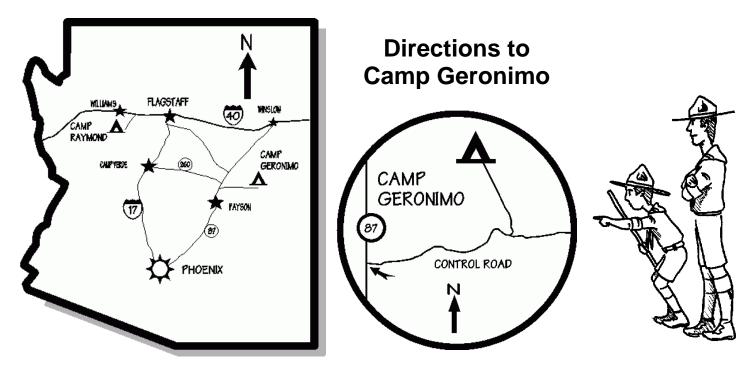
Watch for eyes of various colors. Many will be red, but others may be white, green, or yellow.

#### A Few Hints for the Eyes!

- Take along flashlights with GOOD batteries
- Arrange your patrol into small groups or pairs.
- Leave a pair of scouts or a small group at each starting point until the next set of eyes is verified so that if a mistake is made, you can easily go back and start again at the last correct bearing.

## **Grand Canyon Council Camps**





**Leaving the Phoenix Metropolitan Area**, take State Highway 87 north. After reaching Payson, continue on Highway 87 about 12 miles until you reach the Control Road turn-off marked by highway marker 265, turn right. Continue on the Control Road (dirt) for about six miles, then turn left onto Webber Creek Road (FR) and drive approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles into camp. Allow 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours driving time.

**Leaving from Flagstaff**, take Lake Mary Road to State Route 87 south past Pine to Control Road. Turn left on Control Road (dirt) for about six miles, then turn left onto the Webber Creek Road and drive approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles into camp. Allow 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours driving time.

Leaving Winslow, take State Route 87 south past Pine to the Control Road turning left and proceed as stated above.

